Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I have not finished my question, Sir. My suggestion is therefore that as this question pertains not only to my district where the liquor supplied is abominable but to the whole Presidency I shall be very much obliged if the hon. the Minister for Excise will be pleased to call for information on all the points I have raised in this question."

The hon Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I do not quite follow the hon. Member whether he considers from his experience that the liquor that is served is strong or weak. It is not clear what he means by saying decent liquor is not served out." (Laughter.)

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" It is a stinking dirty stuff, Sir." (Laughter.)

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I am very sorry to hear my hon. Friend's experience about it. If there is any specific instance where it was so served, I should like to have it examined."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I rise to a point of order, Sir. Is it open to the hon. Member to make an insinuation in that way ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" He has not made any insinuation."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" His reference to experience appears to be objectionable."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" As I understand it, I do not think the hon. Member is wrong. He did not refer to personal experience. There was no insinuation at all."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" If I have no objection to drink European liquor there is no reason why I should feel ashamed to take country liquor. . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think there is any occasion for further remarks. Everybody here has heard what fell from the hon. the Minister for Excise. By ' experience ' he only meant observation, and there is no need to make any further comment "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I know whether the experience of the hon. the Minister for Excise is otherwise in this respect." (Laughter and cheers.)

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Yes. If the hon. Member for the City of Madras refers to an experience different from that of the hon. Member for South Kanara, I should certainly say ' yes ' to his question."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Will the hon. Member be more clear ? I was not able to catch him, Sir ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" We had better proceed with the supplementary questions proper."

Liquor manufactured by Messrs. Parry & Co.

375 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the local excise authorities in Mangalore had to reject in 1923 any casks or quantity of liquor sent by Messrs. Parry & Co., as inferior or below the required under-proof strength in the year 1923, and if so, how many casks or quantity of such liquor ?

A.—The Government have no information.

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Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I ask whether Government will be prepared to call for the information in view of the allegations made ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I do not think it is necessary to go into it at all."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" I want the Government to have inquiry made about the action of the local excise authorities. Will the Government call for the information on this question ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I have already replied to the hon. Member for Coimbatore on it."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" That is 'no information will be called for.' "

Liquor shops in Malabar.

376 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state—

(i) whether any local boards, municipalities and unions in South Kanara and Malabar have made applications for restricting the number of liquor shops and which of them and when and to what extent were restrictions sought ;

(ii) which of the applications were rejected or partially granted and on what grounds ?

A.—(i) Two resolutions, one from the Municipal Council, Mangalore, and another from the Municipal Council, Palghat, were received in 1922 and 1924 respectively for the removal of arrack and toddy shops from within the municipal limits.

(ii) The Government were unable to accept the recommendation of the Municipal Council, Mangalore, because even with the existing number of shops in the town, illicit sale of liquor is reported to be common.

No orders have yet been passed on the application from Palghat.

Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Excise whether, before the recommendation of the Municipal Council of Mangalore was rejected, the local Advisory Committee was consulted ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I am afraid I want notice of the question."

Distillation of liquor from Kaju and other products.

377 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state—

(1) whether any analytical tests have ever been made of the various kinds of fruits (including Kaju) and flowers and other materials suitable for the production of liquor and if so what they are ;

(2) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to have an analysis made of liquor produced therefrom and place its results before this Council ;